

Dear Parents and Incoming 5th graders,

I hope you have had a wonderful start to your summer. I feel so grateful that I have already had a full year of getting to know this class in Friday 4th/5th time. I'm so excited to teach this lively and inquisitive bunch!

This summer, rising 5th graders should read at least three books. They should read two books of their choice and I Lived on Butterfly Hill by Marjorie Agosín. This is a long and wonderful book, so please get it soon and don't wait until the last minute to start reading!

I am not officially requiring any summer writing assignments; however, whether it's grocery lists, choose your own adventures, letters to each other, poetry, stories, or diary entries, I hope students have ample opportunities to make writing a part of their summer routine. Also, I love getting real mail, so if you want to send me any letters or postcards, I would love that and will definitely write you back! My address is: 1218 23rd Avenue, SF, CA 94122

Lastly, if boredom strikes (which I hope it does! It's good for kids!), here is an optional [Summer fun checklist](#) challenge. I will provide a special surprise reward for any students who complete half or more of this checklist!

Have a great summer and I'm looking forward to seeing you all in the fall,

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